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H.B. No. 1452

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1452:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1452

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study regarding cyber attacks on election  
infrastructure.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 276, Election Code, is amended by adding  
Section 276.011 to read as follows:

Sec. 276.011. ELECTION CYBER ATTACK STUDY. (a) Not later  
than December 1, 2018, the secretary of state shall:

(1) conduct a study regarding cyber attacks on  
election infrastructure;

(2) prepare a public summary report on the study's  
findings that does not contain any information the release of which  
may compromise any election;

(3) prepare a confidential report on specific findings  
and vulnerabilities that is exempt from disclosure under Chapter  
552, Government Code; and

(4) submit a copy of the report required under  
Subdivision (2) and a general compilation of the report required  
under Subdivision (3) that does not contain any information the  
release of which may compromise any election to the standing  
committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over election  
procedures.

(b) The study must include:

(1) an investigation of vulnerabilities and risks for

1 a cyber attack against a county's voting system machines or the list  
2 of registered voters;

3 (2) information on any attempted cyber attack on a  
4 county's voting system machines or the list of registered voters;  
5 and

6 (3) recommendations for protecting a county's voting  
7 system machines and list of registered voters from a cyber attack.

8 (c) The secretary of state, using existing resources, may  
9 contract with a qualified vendor to conduct the study required by  
10 this section.

11 (d) This section expires January 1, 2019.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.